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INTERVIEW SUMMARY, AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of January 26, 2005 and pursuant to the Examiner's interview with Applicant's representative, Michael Wise on April 27, 2005. This paper is filed in conjunction with a three-month request for extension of time, making the due date July 26, 2005. Thus, this response is timely.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Interview Summary

On April 27, 2005, Examiner John Brusca and Applicant's representative Michael Wise had a personal interview regarding all pending claims. It was agreed that polypeptide claims from co-pending US Application No. 09/027,887 could be incorporated into the present application. Applicant noted that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over US Patent No. 5,773,600 was improper in light of the restriction requirements in commonly claimed parent applications. Applicant proposed either abandoning co-pending US Application No. 09/027,887 or canceling conflicting claims.